



west leederville residents association

## **Minutes General Meeting of West Leederville Residents Association**

**Held at 7pm on 24 October 2007 at West Leederville Primary School**

Present: John Townsend, Sue Taylor, Kim Maddren, Fiona Hogg, Michael Green, Adam Roxby, Tim Silbert, George Crisp, Melita Brown, Rod McManus

Apologies: Julie Watson, Shani Mulheron, Kylie Delic, Antonella De Gregoriis, Jeff Dawkins

Meeting opened at 7.05 pm

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting held on July 25, 2007 were presented.

Motion: The minutes of the previous meeting dated 25 July 2007 are accepted as true and accurate.

Proposed: Sue Taylor

Seconded: Kim Maddren

Carried

2. Correspondence:

Tim presented a reply from Town Of Cambridge regarding traffic issues to be covered later.

3. Current issues:

a. Endowment lands to be covered at a later meeting, as Shani has given her apologies.

Tim gave some background: Rates are based on gross rental value except for endowment lands, where they are based on land value which has increased disproportionately to the rental value. 75% of people would be better off on rental value. All of West Leederville is on GRV. Funds from sale of endowment lands can only be used in the area. This does not pertain to Rates raised.

b. Community Grants:

Kim reported that there are lots of Grants available, but we need to be specific on what we want grants for. The community garden applies for grants as needs arise. Application is quite time consuming, and requires much research. There are people who will do grant applications for us, but they will take a percentage. We are probably not big enough to warrant this.

i. Outside the Garden, we might want to set up a Business Association - we could apply for grants to cover set-up costs. There are a huge number of businesses (nearly 1000) in West Leederville, especially home-based ones. James Best recommended good linkages between a business association and the resident's

association. Setting up a Business Association would be a huge task, and would need to have clear goals and regular and ongoing activities. We already include the businesses as ratepayers, but there has been little interest. We should specifically invite them to be involved in our development of the Village Vision. We would expect that they would be at least interested in Parking issues, but also street-scaping. There may be some conflict of interest with residents. There are other Business Associations nearby - can we align ourselves with the Small Business Association? City of Stirling BA? Subiaco BA? It is not worth setting up a BA merely in order to generate funds. Local businesses can set one up if there is a perceived need, but we would be interested in being closely involved to provide a united voice to Council.

- ii. Other possible uses include Website maintenance, Carbon-neutral. We might benefit from asking older resident associations for ideas. Perhaps South Perth RA has some good ideas? Stirling, Vincent, Subiaco share boundaries with us.

**ACTION: Tim to look at Stirling Business Association for ideas on how we might be able to get involved and ask to be put on mailing lists for adjacent Councils and Residents Associations.**

- c. Speed Camera followup:

Tim reported on the feedback from Richard revealed that Railway Parade has the worst problem with speeding. 4000 cars are speeding between Northwood and Rosslyn streets. Peak speeding time was from 2 pm to 7 pm, coinciding with peak pedestrian traffic from the train station. Ruislip was not on the current list. "SAM"s (informing passing traffic of their speed) are set up by Council, and can be used as a backup if Traffic Fines are unavailable or ineffective.

**ACTION: Tim to draft letter to Traffic Camera Section to target speeding on Railway Parade in afternoons and also to inform the Post, and email members.**

Melita Brown and Rod McManus arrived and were introduced.

Kim noted that in Queensland that there are many suburban one-way streets, with positive impact on traffic flow. This is apparently an option which has been considered by Council, and rejected as it increases traffic cutting through local streets. Subiaco is very divided about whether their one-way system is helpful.

- d. Reports on Council Meetings:

Our new Councilors are Julie Watson and Alan Langer. New Mayor Withers was elected by a landslide. 38% of voters in Cambridge voted: one of the highest in the state. We have access to the breakdown of what wards voted most. It would be good to congratulate residents on their efforts.

**ACTION: Kim to draft a report on this for the mailing list. Shani has already congratulated the elected members publicly, but we would like her to write to them directly, too. We should invite all newly elected Councillors to an information evening to meet us and review Vision.**

- e. Residential Parking Restrictions:

Parking near corners have been moved back to comply with sightlines requirements, particularly where there have been accidents. Parking restrictions on corners might be best solved by using embayed parking as it improves line of sight and turning

angles. Not all streets will be wide enough to accommodate this: McCourt, Kimberley, Ruislip, Woolwich streets might be suitable. Note was made that embayed parking had not improved safety on Railway Parade.

**ACTION: Adam to approach Brad Lenton (Main Roads) for further information on criteria for embayed parking.**

f. Mailing List Update:

Kim reported that there was little response from the call for 20 new email addresses per committee member. The clip-board at the Special Electors Meeting was much more effective. Charlie Lenzo has agreed to help with any notices we want posted - he is happy to print.

We will have a stand at the School Fete (Sunday 18th November) for information dissemination and to collect email addresses. A roster system will be developed by Kim. We also have approval to have a stall at the Christmas Party, and should repeat the process for that. We discussed manning the election polling booth, but this would be very labour intensive.

We are due to do a newsletter in time for the festive season. A long discussion ensued about potential avenues for advertising including bin stickers, seeds, seedlings, saplings, silk shopping bags, fridge magnets, pens, stubbie holders... The idea of a perpetual Welcome Pack including a folder of local resources (schools, delis, shopping centre) to be distributed to new residents was revisited with enthusiasm.

**ACTION: Kim to publish roster for School Fete stand and investigate silk shopping bags with our logo for the welcome packs.**

**ACTION: Sue to provide Garden brochures for the School fete.**

g. Town Village:

The Vision Presentation was stolen on a laptop, but there is a backup. Fiona suggested that the next step is to put something in writing to express our vision to put to TOC, and provide a discussion document to build an ongoing workshop. Stakeholder meetings would run over several nights over two to three weeks to allow most people an opportunity to come. From there, to prepare a submission to Town Of Cambridge. The core group will obviously need input and support from Town Of Cambridge, who are already reviewing the Town Plan and looking at Oxford Close and Cambridge St.

Peg reported on the meeting tonight at Town of Cambridge regarding the Oxford Close developments. Local businesses are encouraging staff and customers to use our rich public transport facilities.

**ACTION: Fiona to develop a poster for the School fete to spark some interest in the stakeholder workshops.**

**ACTION: Kim to source partitioning for behind our stand.**

4. Other matters:

- a. Tim notes there is \$400,000 to spend on Oxford Close. Peg reported on the Town of Cambridge meeting on the subject, and they are responding to the Rat Run issue for cars which avoid the traffic lights between Railway Parade and Loftus Street. Right angle parking to be installed on the left, and parallel parking on the other side to narrow the street. Concerns were raised about the safety of that form of parking, which highlighted the need for traffic calming. Use of public transport and bicycles were raised. The pedestrian crossing from Southport needs to be improved, and they

will install a pedestrian island. There was some concern that we were not aware of the meeting, which was advertised in the Post and flyers were sent to the local businesses but not to residents.

**ACTION: Fiona to draft a letter to Town of Cambridge to congratulate them on their efforts in Oxford Close and would have relished the opportunity to disseminate the information to residents for them.**

- b. We should make more use of outlets such as Charlie's Corner, Coles, new shops for disseminating notices.
- c. Coles undercover parking might be useful for footy parking fundraising. We could approach them to be put on the roster for parking. They might look at us favourably as they can offer to put some money back in to the community.

**ACTION: Kim to investigate this opportunity further.**

- d. Kim reported that the letter from Geoff Rocci was viewed by some in the community as our support of Pauline O'Connor. We concluded that some of the wording could have been more explicit, but that it was important to inform the community and raise awareness about potential enhancements to our community.
- e. The Garden is going well - the 27000 litre rainwater tank does not have official approval. This will delay installation of the tank.

**ACTION: Michael to submit official building application to Council.**

- f. Town Planning: Tim needs help to go through the Town Plan document. Council are reviewing it, but have only offered to involve us late in the process. This relates to roads, zoning etc. It will require legislative change. We need to encourage Council to engage community consultation early, to foster a sense of ownership

**ACTION: Adam to write a letter to Jason asking about their timelines and processes so that we may plan our involvement.**

- 5. Next meeting: Wednesday 20th February, 2008 19:30 at West Leederville Primary School, Woolwich St, West Leederville